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GOPALAN et al.

Application No: 10/607,606

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETECTING PLANARIZATION OF METAL FILMS  
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Attorney Docket No: LAM2P419

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Group Art Unit: 1765

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE RATE FEE	ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	16 -	20	00	X25 = \$	OR	X50 = \$	
INDEP CLAIMS	02 -	03	00	X100 = \$	OR	X200 = \$	
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$180		X360	\$
TOTAL				\$		\$	



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Enclosed is our Check No. in the amount of to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.



If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P419). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005. Please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.